*This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:*

**Listing of Claims:**

**Claim 1 (Currently Amended):** A device used in connection with a network, said device comprising:

a communication unit configured to communicate with a client via said network based on HTTP;

an identification unit configured to input OS information representing an operating system installed in said client to identify a type of said operating system used in said client, said OS information being described in a User-Agent that is an environment variable in a HTTP request sent from said client;

a search unit configured to search a storage location on said network of device control software, which corresponds to said identified type of said operating system and controls said device, from a database in which specifications of operating systems and storage locations of device control software are recorded in association with each other, said database being stored in a predetermined server connected to said device via said network; and

an information unit configured to inform said client of said searched storage location of said device control software.

**Claim 2 (Currently Amended):** A device according to claim 1,

wherein ~~said communication unit communicates based on HTTP,~~ said information unit generates and sends to said client a markup language file including a link to the storage location of said device control software.

**Claims 3 and 4 (Canceled).**

**Claim 5 (Previously Presented):** A device according to claim 1,

wherein said storage locations in said database are also recorded in association with model information of devices, and

said search unit uses the model information of said device and said identified type of said operating system to search the storage location of said device control software.

**Claim 6 (Original):** A device according to claim 1, wherein said database is described in XML.

**Claim 7 (Currently Amended):** A device used in connection with a network, said device comprising:

a storage unit configured to store an external URL for download corresponding to a Web page which provides device control software to control said device on The Internet; and

a HTTP communication unit configured to generate a markup language file including a link to said external URL for download and to send said markup language file back to a client through a HTTP response in response to a HTTP request from said client,

wherein said HTTP communication unit identifies a type of an operating system used in said client by analyzing OS information which is described in a User-Agent that is an environment variable in said HTTP request sent from said client to generate said markup language file corresponding to an identified type of said operating system.

**Claim 8 (Previously Presented):** A device according to claim 7,

wherein said storage unit stores an URL for update corresponding to a Web page which provides update information to update said external URL for download, and said device further comprising:

an update unit configured to acquire said update information from said Web page based on said URL for update and to utilize said update information to update said external URL for download.

**Claim 9 (Currently Amended):** A method for informing a client of a storage location on a network of device control software to control a device, wherein said device communicates with said client via said network based on HTTP, said method comprising:

inputting OS information representing an operating system installed in said client from said client to identify a type of said operating system used by said client, said OS being described in a User-Agent that is an environment variable in a HTTP request sent from said client;

searching a storage location on said network of device control software corresponding to said identified type of said operating system from a database in which specifications of operating systems and storage locations of device control software are recorded in association with each other, said database being stored in a predetermined server connected to said device via said network; and

informing said client of said searched storage location of said device control software.